

## BARNES LETTER SCORES GRONNA

Wheat Director Objects to Repeal and Abolition of Grain Corporation.

### REPUDIATES PROMISE

Says Senator Is "Egotist" To Place Such Confidence in Own Judgment.

Julius H. Barnes, United States wheat director, has made public a letter to Senator Gronna in which he terms the latter's bill for the repeal of the wheat guarantee act and the abolition of the grain corporation as a direct repudiation of the pledge made by Congress to the wheat producer for the crop of 1919.

Senator Gronna's bill, which has been favorably reported by the Senate Agriculture Committee, repudiates the government's promise to the grain corporation to wind up its affairs without delay.

Can't Predict Prices. Mr. Barnes points out that at a time when no one can accurately predict the trend of prices, Senator Gronna apparently feels such confidence in his own judgment that the farmer will benefit by the withdrawal of government stabilization that he would immediately take from the wheat producer the protection of the billion-dollar guarantee, which Congress has pledged itself to give until June 1.

The wheat director gives warning that by abolishing government support Congress may precipitate a still further decline in the price of wheat, even below that of the guarantee price. He adds that "only the most colossal egotism would presume to forecast the course of prices in the face of world-wide uncertainty, which within the past few days has wrecked the billion-dollar guarantee of the United States export trade by the total collapse of overseas finance."

Repudiate Pledges. If Congress should repudiate its own pledge to the farmer, Mr. Barnes adds, the possibilities of depreciation in value after the withdrawal of the guarantee are such that 6,000,000 farmers would ask Congress "by what right it repudiated the pledged national guarantee, on the underlying foundation of which they had built an average premium of 30 cents per bushel."

Mr. Barnes' letter follows: Hon. A. J. Gronna, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. My dear Senator: I notice that the Senate Agriculture Committee, of which you are chairman, has favorably reported the Senate your own bill 284, providing for the termination of the wheat guarantee act of March 4, 1919.

Of course, this bill terminates the effective price guarantee to the wheat producer for the crop of 1919. You personally realize that this would be the result, because in the Senate on February 2 you expressed your own opinion that the wheat guarantee act, which every farmer, grower, and dealer, every consumer, wheat would not decline.

Have you such confidence in your own judgment of future prices that you propose to take from the wheat producer the billion-dollar guarantee, on the underlying foundation of which they had built an average premium of 30 cents per bushel?

Two hundred million bushels of wheat still remain on the farms, and 200,000,000 bushels additional in the hands of the grain corporation, all of it relying on the pledged faith of this government that, if necessary, the National Treasury stands behind its purchase at the guarantee level.

Pass this bill, withdrawing the underlying support which the government has given to the wheat producer, and that termination will cause apprehension with every farmer, with every dealer, with every miller, with every flour handler, with every baker, and with every consumer. The withdrawal of that underlying security will destroy the trade methods which have furnished a ready daily market to the producer at a farm price for wheat 20 per cent higher than the pre-war level, yet protected the consumer by a broad advance of only 5 per cent. Suspended buying, with fluctuations, increased trade margins reflecting increased trade hazards, will then affect the producers' farm price and unfavorably affect the consumers' bread price.

Within the past week the price of wheat in Minneapolis has fallen 10 to 20 cents per bushel, and on the very day your bill is introduced, some kinds of wheat are sold at only a few cents above the guarantee price.

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At least, you shall not then plead that you did it in ignorance, and without warning of its possible results. I shall be glad to retire from the burdens of this office, assumed at the express request of the President, and to let the national pledge be fully redeemed, without dishonor.

I have full confidence that the National Congress, which last February pledged \$2,000,000,000 to the wheat producer, will not hesitate to condemn this present attempt at repudiation of that pledge.

## Govt. Printing Office

The community store in the old building now carries a very complete stock of foodstuffs and last week supplied the employees with fresh and salted meats, canned goods, dairy products, fruit and candy.

The Jobbers took three games from the Mergers in the duckpin contest Thursday night. Mergers, of the Stars, leads the league with an average of 102. Toomey, of the Jobbers, holds the high-game average of 138. Herrmann, of the Binders, has the highest record with a score of 245. The Stars and the Linos will clash Tuesday night.

Mr. Dullin's ink factory will soon be moved to the fifth floor of the old building. Three new grinders and two additional mixers will be installed in order to bring the output of the factory up to the demands of the press-rooms.

The new store rooms over the garage are now almost completed, and the work of rearranging the paper stock will soon keep Mr. Gallagher's force busy.

Miss E. Davenry, director of the National Community Chorus, delighted a large audience in the music hall Thursday with several well-rendered solos. The night forces were entertained by the chorus, which was directed by Richard B. Topham, who recently presented the office with a handsome photograph.

William McEvoy, in charge of the editorial force, has been elected to his home in the Henrietta for a week with influenza. Claude E. Haines, foreman of the monotype, is in charge during his absence.

The meeting of Government Printing Office Council, National Union, scheduled for Saturday night, has been postponed on account of bad weather.

The officers of Columbia Typographical Union have just closed a week's lock-out book and job printing business. The union has a net of \$40 for day hand men and \$42 for machine men; night rates, \$43 and \$45.25.

Mr. William J. Manning in charge of the sanitary section, has issued a bulletin cautioning employees to avoid undue exposure and wet feet to avoid prevalent diseases.

Two weeks ago seventy readers were on the sick list in the proof-rooms in one day.

James J. Hughes has been absent from the linotype section on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Hughes, who occurred at her residence, 928 Westminister street, Wednesday, January 31.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the funeral home of the late Charles W. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner, in the Lincoln Memorial Building in Potomac Park at Arlington.

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## Sermons Heard in Washington Churches Yesterday

President McKinley's Faith Eulogized by Dr. Herbert F. Randolph at Foundry M. E. Church.

The deep religious faith of William McKinley was eulogized by the Rev. Herbert F. Randolph, D. D., in his sermon at Foundry M. E. Church last night.

McKinley was declared by the speaker to be one of the "strongest arguments in favor of the Christian religion."

McKinley was one of the few purely American Presidents. He was born on an American farm, and through his life runs the strain of wholehearted devotion to his country.

"Lincoln fell as a victim of the infuriated spirit of the civil war; Garfield was the sacrifice to disappointment of personal desires, but McKinley was killed by the incarnated lunacy of the world were astounded beyond tolerance when McKinley was known to have been killed."

Dr. Randolph called attention to the rigid honesty with which McKinley pursued his duties as a lawyer, politician, statesman, super-statesman and President.

"McKinley was the product of good old Scotch ancestors," Dr. Randolph said. "Generalists have discovered that in the life of a man, McKinley was the first King of Ireland, many years before St. Patrick came to Christianize the land."

"No man has exemplified greater loyalty to his country than McKinley. The story of the relationship between this great man and his wife is one of the most touching chapters in McKinley's glorious book of life."

"The spirit that actuated McKinley throughout his life is shown in his words when he was assassinated. He died with those who stood near him to him the man who changed his death. Let no man hurt him," he whispered.

"McKinley's greatest trait was his gentleness of character."

Dr. H. A. Tupper Tells of Freedom That Palestine Gained Through Gen. Allenby's Success.

A description of conditions in Palestine, as seen by him on a 500-mile trip, was given by the Rev. Henry Allen Tupper in a sermon on "The Land of the Lord," in the First Baptist Church last night.

Dr. Tupper outlined the history of the Holy Land under the rule of the Turk and told of the freedom brought by British forces during the war.

"The most clear-cut business during the great war was the British victories in this land, under Gen. Allenby," Dr. Tupper asserted. "Palestine of sacred memories and checkered history has entered upon a new era; the heel of the cruel Turk has been lifted; the excavator's pickaxe will lift into the sunshine many dust-covered pages of forgotten history."

"The Jew who desires to return home will have the opportunity to do so without fear of restrictions of the kind that have been placed upon the Jew in the past. Religious liberty and a representative democracy will, in time, be elements of the better life of the people. The Bible no longer will be a sacred book, but the land of its birth. Once again let us hope this once hallowed spot, where Christ, His early followers and the many prophets lived, will be both the recipient and the center of the highest hopes, and the noblest aspirations of humanity."

"The Holy Land has come into its own again. The forces of light have shattered the horrid darkness of the past. The light of peace and happiness of mind, and the supreme vindication of an enslaved people's unwavering faith in God."

Baptist Pastor Predicts Sir Oliver Lodge Will Renounce Theories of Communication With Spirits.

Within ten years Sir Oliver Lodge, the noted English scientist and psychic, will have renounced all of his present theories, was the startling prediction made last night by the Rev. Howard I. Stewart, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, in his sermon on "Sir Oliver Lodge and the Outfit of the Living Communicate With the Dead."

"Just as the wish is father to the thought Sir Oliver has led himself to believe in the possibilities of communicating with the dead because of a yearning desire to hear from a dead son," was Dr. Stewart's explanation of the eminent Englishman's conversion to modern Spiritualism.

He continued that while an unbelief in the doctrines of Spiritualism, he wished Sir Oliver well in his research if through Spiritualism he gained any consolation.

Dr. Stewart declared that in his opinion science has yet to disclose positive evidence of communication with the dead. The alleged powers of the Ouija board Dr. Stewart held to be the light of ridiculous superstition.

"The wise King Solomon in days considered not quite so enlightened as the present warned against soothsayers and others who claimed to be able to communicate with the dead. The minister indicated his desire to take the plain word of God in seeking explanation of the cosmos, and he expressed doubt of the wisdom of delving into the hereafter along the lines laid out by Sir Oliver Lodge and his followers."

Dr. Stewart's remarks are particularly interesting in view of the fact that Sir Oliver, who will give his first lecture tomorrow afternoon at the Washington Baptist Church, is expected to talk of his investigations into the life beyond the grave. His theme will be "The Reality of the Unseen." He will follow on "The Evidence for Survival."

Youth With Loaves and Fishes for Multitude Like Modern Boy Scout, Says Rev. Edward Hayes.

The modern Boy Scout was compared to the boy who furnished loaves and fishes with which Christ fed the multitude by the Rev. Edward Hayes in a sermon at Douglas Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday morning.

Services were held in honor of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Boy Scouts.

Dr. Hayes asserted that the lad in the Biblical story was an exemplification of the two mottoes of the Scouts: "Be Prepared" and "Do a Good Turn Each Day." He pointed out the boy had his food, and he parted with it willingly when requested to do so.

Dr. Hayes drew two lessons from this story. He asserted that the lad received adequate training in the distribution in the satisfaction of seeing enjoyment of the multitude. The second lesson was the fact that the boy gained an immortal fame.

The minister emphasized the fact that service to humanity always meets with the reward of self-gratification and that recognition is usually accorded by others.

Every boy can render a service to humanity by the investment of all his worldly goods and talents," said Dr. Hayes.

Dr. Hayes emphasized the importance of proper environment for a boy, and he urged that the parents of his congregation to aid and encourage the boys in every possible way.

## Navy Yard

Arthur Grant, of the electric power plant, has resigned to accept a position with the Western Electric Company in Wilmington, Del.

Bill Drew, of the foundry, has resigned to return to his home in Chicago.

Dave Thomas, of the east shop, has returned to work after several days' illness.

R. Hinkle, who formerly worked in the gun shop, is seriously ill at his home in Minneapolis.

"Gatty" Hamill, of the west shop, has signed to pitch baseball in the Virginia League for the coming season.

Andy Miller, of the metals store, mended his left hand a last week while unloading a truck.

Jim Meldrum, formerly of the foundry, has opened a repair shop in Lynchburg, Va.

Harry Maynard, of the gun shop, after two years' leave of absence, has returned to work in the yard.

George R. Banks, of the disbursement department, has resigned to accept a position with the War Department in France.

John Egan, of the sight shop, is confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia.

Cy Reisinger, of the seaman shop, is back at work again after a short vacation spent with relatives in Philadelphia.

Charles Burke, of the seaman shop, made to intend to Secretary of the Navy, and accepted a position in New Orleans, La.

Lou Chitcher, of the seaman shop, is ill with the flu.

B. Farrell, of the torpedo shop, has resigned to accept a position with the Navy in the yard.

Dr. J. J. Loeb, of the metals store, is ill with influenza.

Charles R. Stuetz, of the electric power plant, severely burned his hand.

## BOYS OPERATE RADIO PLANTS

Fifteen Hundred Amateur Stations Reported in Vicinity of Capital.

SCHOOLS TEACH CODE

Instructors Hesitate to Include Course Because of Youthful Enthusiasm.

Lifting the ban on private wireless plants by the government has caused the outbreak of an acute epidemic of wireless craze among the high school students, according to principals of District schools.

Washington has more amateur wireless plants than were seen in the early part of the year, according to electrical dealers who say there are more than 1,500 stations, chiefly homemade, with the total increasing rapidly.

Because of the interest in radio, Technical High School has been forced to forbid some students from attending the night school radio courses because of neglect to other studies.

The school officials have permitted the organization of a radio club, however, which meets under the guidance of Prof. S. M. Heron, to teach the code and to hear lectures by members of the Washington Branch of the Institute of Radio Engineers. "If we inaugurated a regular course in radio," Prof. Heron states, "other studies would suffer seriously."

Schools to Communicate. The school has obtained a complete wireless telegraph and telephone outfit as has Central High School. At both schools large "aerials" will be erected on the roof. Within two months wireless telephonic connection between the two schools is expected.

Most of the private plants are mere receiving outfits. There are only about 100 transmitting plants in the District, according to D. Terrell, government radio inspector. A license fee is charged on transmitting apparatus and a ruling that no transmitting plants with power greater than 500 watts shall be erected within five miles of the Arlington station is responsible for the scarcity of sending devices.

A receiving apparatus is simple and most of those in Washington are homemade. For aerials, great ingenuity is shown. Clothes lines, telephone wires, umbrella frames and bedropings are substituted for high, elaborate antennae and towers.

"Red-Spring" Aerials Used. The bed-spring aerial is a great favorite among the ingenious young wireless enthusiasts. The only requirements are that the bed rests on a wooden floor and that there is an iron radiator for "grounding." Thereupon the youthful Marconi retires for the night, connects up his detector and with his phones over his ears records the messages from the Arlington station.

No longer does mother call upstairs. "Johnny are you reading in bed? Turn that light right off."

Now she inquires, "John, are you still receiving? Well, you take those right off your ears and go to sleep."

Mutiny Charged of Three On Disabled Transport

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—Charged with being ringleaders in a mutiny insubordination row aboard the United States army transport Powhatan, three of the crew of the vessel have been turned over to the police by the military authorities in charge of the boat.

The fact that the Powhatan, in port for repairs, will not be ready to sail for about two weeks, necessitated the step.

## KUTZ TO TELL GEORGETOWN CITIZENS OF NEW PROJECTS

Engineering Commissioner Will Use Lantern Slides to Illustrate Lecture on Municipal Advances.

An illustrated talk on the varied projects of the engineering department of the city of Washington will be given by W. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner, to the citizens of Georgetown, Md., on Tuesday night.

The lecture will be given in the hall of the National Bank of Washington, which is being built on the site of the old National Bank building. Plans for a modern bank structure are being drawn under the supervision of President H. V. Walcott, and the directorate will be made by H. H. Thompson, president of the District Council, George J. Fisher, deputy chief of the executive national council, and James F. Lloyd, vice president of the local council.

Washington now has 2,250 scouts, 93 troops, and in charge of 156 scoutmasters and assistants, together with 290 committeemen.

Doctors Form Association To Rate Patients' Credit

A national organization of physicians, who have vowed to refuse to receive patients of doubtful credit, has just been launched, with headquarters in the city of Washington.

The name of the new organization will be the Doctors' Service Corps. The plan was conceived by a group of physicians, surgeons and dentists who served in the war, and who are now prominent men of the profession, including Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale; Maj. A. R. Crane, former chief dental surgeon, Army, General Hospital, and Herbert D. Brown, chief of the Bureau of Efficiency of the United States government.

The Doctors' Service Corps plans to extend credit to patients through a confidential rating service.

Would Americanize Foreign Born With Books

A movement to create better citizenship among the 15,000,000 foreign born in the United States who depend upon the foreign press for enlightenment by bringing good books into the district hamlet and the back streets of crowded cities has been entered upon by the American Library Association.

If the proper books do not exist in sufficient numbers the association will seek to bring the publisher and translator together in order that existing needs may be met. The association is working on the theory that the wave of unrest is due in large measure to lack of a proper understanding on the part of the foreign born and that a solution of the problem will be found in books which breathe the spirit of American ideals and traditions.

## PALMER DENIES LOSING LANDS

Attorney General Calls Pinchot's Letter to President "Contemptible."

Attacking as cowardly and contemptible the charge that he had been unfaithful to his public duty in refusing to appeal a decision whereby the Southern Pacific Railroad came into possession of valuable oil lands, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer yesterday issued a formal reply to a letter sent to President Wilson by Gifford Pinchot, president of the National Conservation Association.

In the letter Pinchot accused the Attorney General of permitting the Southern Pacific to secure control of oil lands valued at \$500,000 by not immediately appealing a decision of the district court of Los Angeles on August 2, 1919. The next day, Pinchot charged, Southern Pacific stock jumped four points on the New York Stock Exchange.

In his reply the Attorney General states that the land in question was a government grant to the Southern Pacific, and that the land was not immediately appealed, and that no fraud existed. The trial court decided in the case against the government.

Palmer explains his failure to appeal the decision of the trial court as follows: "It is abundant evidence to sustain the findings, and it is settled law that in such a case an appellate court will follow the findings of the trial court."

UNIVERSITY FORUM COMPARES CREEDS

Christianity, offering the hope of immortality, has been of far greater benefit to mankind than Confucianism, was the opinion of a majority at an open forum meeting yesterday of the Agassiz Society of George Washington University.

The Rev. Dr. William A. Haggerty, pastor of Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, defined two fundamental tenets of Christianity as the individualistic tendency to divide men, and the social movement, working for the unity and brotherhood of men.

The speaker asserted the average man justifiably feels himself estranged from God. Therefore, he said, Christianity acted as the redeeming influence, guiding him back to the Deity.

Confucianism was not a religion and did not recognize intercommunication between man and God, was the statement of Y. C. Yang, of the Chinese Legation, who spoke on civilization's benefits from the teachings of Confucius.

"If one lives right, everything will turn out all right," was the way the speaker summed up the principles of Confucianism. Confucianism attaches more importance to practical living than to a real religious interpretation of truth, Yang said.

## Chomiso Osor Observed By Hebrews of District

Chomiso Osor, the Jewish Arab Day Festival, was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. H. A., Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Dr. J. J. Loeb, supervisor of the District Young Judea, gave the opening address—"What is Chomiso Osor?" He set forth the suffering and persecution of the Jewish people in the past and referred to Secretary of the Navy Daniels' recent statement that the resettlement of Palestine by the Jews would end this religious persecution. A movement is being made to interest the public in a Palestine Restoration Fund.

A sketch was given by the children of the Hebrew Free School of Washington, under the direction of Rabbi Isaac, assisted by Misses Naomi Aaronson and Fannie Morgenstein.

Powderly Joins Fight For District Suffrage

T. V. Powderly, of the Department of Labor, in accepting membership on the advisory council of the national press committee for the District of Columbia suffrage, issued a statement yesterday calling attention to the fact that shiploads of Russian men and women are being deported for being poor American citizens, while thousands of the people of the nation are denied the right to become American citizens in all the term implies.

"I regard it as one of the blots—and one of the greatest blots—on our system of government," said Powderly, "that we do not permit the people of Washington to manage their own affairs as citizens of other cities do."

K. of C. Confer Degree on 80.

Eighty members of Potomac Council, Knights of Columbus, received the third degree at a meeting in K. of C. Hall yesterday afternoon.

Michael D. Shafer, State deputy, and Leo A. Rover, past State deputy, presided at the ceremonies. The council will celebrate "Charter Members' Night."

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